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In re application of: Makoto TANIGUCHI, et al

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an examination of this application the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 13-22.

Please add the following new claims.

Claim 23. An ink composition consisting essentially of an alkali-soluble colorant, a water-soluble organic solvent, water, a cationic, water-soluble resin and, optionally, one or more of a base, a nonionic water-soluble resin and an assistant selected from the group consisting of a penetration accelerator, a viscosity modifier, a surface

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